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In re Application of:)
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Pierre CHARNEAU et al.) Group Art Unit: 1633
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Serial No.: 09/685,343) Examiner: Drabik, C.
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Filed: October 11, 2000)
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For: LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA, AND)
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VECTORS AND RECOMBINANT)
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CELLS CONTAINING)
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LENTIVIRAL TRIPLEX DNA)

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Sir:

AMENDMENT

In reply to the Office Action dated June 6, 2001, Paper No. 8, the period for response having been restarted on October 30, 2001, please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 2-7, 33-40.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (AMENDED) An isolated or purified nucleic acid consisting of the sequence as depicted in Figure 5A, wherein at least one copy of the cPPT and CTS cis-acting regions of a retrovirus are present in the vector and the cPPT and CTS regions induce a three-stranded DNA structure.

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